

Wilkes Telephone & Electric Company

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch Secretary Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street SW Washington, DC 20544

Re:

In the Matter of The Pay Telephone Reclassification and Compensation Provisions of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, CC Docket 96-128

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Wilkes Telephone & Electric Company (Wilkes) submits this transmittal letter with accompanying certification as record that Wilkes is not a "Completing Carrier" as that term is defined in the Federal Communications Commission's (Commission) Order in CC Docket 96-128 (Order)¹, released on October 3, 2003.

As Wilkes is not a Completing Carrier nor does it handle the types of calls the Commission has specified as being subject to both compensation and reporting to Payphone Service Providers, Wilkes is not subject to such requirements at this time. If Wilkes's operations are altered to the extent that Wilkes necessarily becomes a Completing Carrier, Wilkes will fully comply with the Commission's rules pertaining to the existing requirements and all other payphone compensation and reporting matters.

Sincerely,

Larry B. Houck Vice President

Wilkes Telephone & Electric Company

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The Pay Telephone Reclassification and Compensation Provisions of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, CC Docket No. 96-128, Report and Order, (2003) (Order).

PAY TELEPHONE COMPLETING CARRIER CERTIFICATION OF WILKES TELEPHONE & ELECTRIC COMPANY

- My name is Larry B. Houck. I currently serve as the Vice President of Wilkes Telephone & Electric Company (Wilkes), a provider of local exchange telecommunications services as an Independent Local Exchange Carrier in the state of Georgia. In this capacity, I have become familiar with the network operations of Wilkes and its practices associated with the completion of calls originated from Pay Telephones.
- 2. Wilkes is not a Completing Carrier as defined by the Federal Communications Commission (Commission) in 47 CFR § 64.1300.
- 3. Wilkes does not currently provide a coinless access code service.
- 4. Wilkes does not currently provide a subscriber toll-free service.
- 5. In consideration of the aforementioned facts, Wilkes is not subject to the compensation or reporting requirements related to the Commission's Report and Order¹ and associated revisions of 47 CFR Sections 64.1300, 64.1310, and 64.1320.

I certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed on June 28, 2004.

Larry B. Houck

Vice President

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